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Sir:

On October 2, 2003 Applicants forwarded the above-captioned patent application to the Patent Office. Applicants have not received the formal filing receipt. In a telephone conference with Monica Young at the Office of Initial Patent Examination on August 26, 2004, the undersigned attorney was informed that, due to technical difficulties at the Patent Office during the initial scanning process, parts of the application are unreadable. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a true and accurate copy of the above patent application as initially filed on October 2, 2003. No new matter has been added. Entry and examination of the attached copy of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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